

## State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

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## KENOSHA COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH PASSES REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS

(MADISON, July 14, 2005)—Deputy Administrator Herb Bostrom announced that the Kenosha County Division of Health has successfully passed the state's health department review.

"The Kenosha County Division of Health is working to make their community a healthier and safer place to live," said Bostrom. "Their department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of providing environmental health services and programs."

State and regional level officials from the Division of Public Health conducted an on-site review, and as a result, the Kenosha County Division of Health will maintain its Level III status.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is required to formally review the operations of all 94 Wisconsin local health departments at the county or municipality level at least every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level I, II or III agency. A level I agency meets the minimum requirements and a level III agency meets the maximum requirements established for a local health department.

The Kenosha County Division of Health provides services important to the community, such as:

- The woman's health program
- Public Health Preparedness
- Youth tobacco elimination program

For information about the Kenosha County Division of Health, visit: <a href="http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/DHS/Divisions/Health/">http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/DHS/Divisions/Health/</a>

For contact information for Wisconsin's local health departments, visit: <a href="http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/index.htm">http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/index.htm</a>

For information about the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*, visit: http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/

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